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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EIND, EMIN

SUBJ: RELEASES FROM U.S. MICA STOCKPILE

REF: (A) STATE 141987; (B) NEW DELHI 6745

STATE FOR NEA/INS; BUMINES FOR PETKOF

SUMMARY: EMBOFFS DISCUSSED APPARENT INCONSISTENCIES IN  
GOI MICA EXPORT DATA WITH COMMERCE MINISTRY. GOI WILL  
PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DATA FOR NEXT MEETING AUGUST 3. ACTION  
REQUESTED: PLEASE CABLE U.S. MICA IMPORT STATISTICS  
END SUMMARY.

1. COMMERCIAL OFFICER AND MINERALS ATTACHE MET WITH JOINT  
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE KUMAR JULY 24 TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS  
ON U.S. MICA RELEASE PROGRAM. WE POINTED OUT APPARENT  
INCONSISTENCY IN EXPORT FIGURES PROVIDED BY COMMERCE  
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MINISTRY WHICH SHOW HIGHER VOLUME OF MICA EXPORTS IN

PERIOD JANUARY - APRIL 1973 COMPARED TO PREVIOUS YEAR, BUT 44 PERCENT LOWER IN VALUE.

2. KUMAR CONTENDS THAT STEPPED UP RELEASES IN FY 73 HAVE DRIVEN PRICES DOWN IN THE U.S. AND ELSEWHERE, AND THAT BUYERS ARE HOLDING BACK IN ANTICIPATION OF FURTHER DROP WHEN DISPOSAL PROGRAM IS APPROVED BY CONGRESS.

3. THUS FAR IN OUR DISCUSSIONS, KUMAR HAS FOCUSED ON INDIAN EXPORTS OF MICA BLOCKS, SPLITTINGS AND CONDENSER FILMS. HE PRESENTED MONTHLY DATA FOR CY 72 AND THROUGH APRIL 1973. HIS STATISTICS, HOWEVER, ARE VOLUMES AND VALUES OF MICA CLEARED BY THE GOI FOR EXPORT BUT NOT YET SHIPPED. WE HAVE THEREFORE ASKED KUMAR TO OBTAIN ACTUAL EXPORT DATA FOR JANUARY - APRIL 1973 FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S OFFICIAL TRADE DATA SOURCE, THE GOI'S DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE AND STATISTICS (1973 INDIAN TRADE DATA HAVE NOT YET REACHED US IN PUBLISHED FORM). KUMAR HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE WORLD EXPORTS AND EXPORTS TO THE U.S. SEPARATELY. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM THE BUREAU OF MINES U.S. IMPORTS OF INDIAN MICA BLOCKS, SPLITTINGS AND CONDENSER FILMS FOR JANUARY - JUNE 1973 (U.S. CY 72 IMPORT DATA ARE AVAILABLE HERE). PLEASE PRESENT STATISTICS ON A MONTHLY BASIS; BY VOLUME, VALUE AND PRICE PER UNIT RANGES FOR EACH COMMODITY. IF POSSIBLE, A BUMINES OUTLOOK WOULD BE USEFUL ON IMPORTS OF THESE COMMODITIES FROM INDIA DURING SECOND HALF OF 1973.

4. WE PLAN TO MEET KUMAR AGAIN ON AUGUST 3. ARMED WITH U.S. STATISTICS WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER GOI IS JUSTIFIED IN ATTRIBUTING DROP IN TOTAL EXPORT RECEIPTS (IF ANY) TO U.S. DISPOSAL PROGRAM.  
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